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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

The cited Japanese references were called to Applicants' attention in a Notice of Rejection in Japanese Patent Appln. Nos. 2001-337446, which is a counterpart to the instant case. An English translation of the Notice is enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art. Save for JP 279344/1990, which already is of record in this application, copies of all the listed references and English abstracts thereof are also submitted herewith.

The cited U.S. patents were brought to Applicants' attention in U.S. Patent Applif No. 10/043,128, which is a continuation of the present case.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) (\$180), along with any other required fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above information and that a copy of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08a) be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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